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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As noted by the Examiner, the application is in condition for allowance in accordance with statement of reasons for allowance. Claims 11-14 and 19-26 directed to unelected species are hereby cancelled without prejudice. Claim 1 is amended to address the formality noted by the Examiner in the Office Action and to clarify that the ring is mounted on the connector body in the first position prior to the axial advancement of the ring over the body to the second position.

If the Examiner wishes to expedite disposition of the above-captioned patent application, he is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0289.

Respectfully submitted,

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